

Amendments to the claims:

1. (currently amended) A connecting device (1) ~~for mechanically connecting a motor housing (2) of a motor (5) to a transmission housing (3) of a transmission (7), in which the motor (5) acts on the transmission (7) via a motor shaft (6),~~ said connecting device comprising:

at least one connecting element (15, 26), wherein the at least one connecting element is configured to connect a the motor housing (2) indirectly to a the transmission housing (3), wherein the at least one connecting element (15, 26) is further configured to be at least partially elastically deformable when the motor housing (2) moves relative to the transmission housing (3) in a rotating fashion around an axis (25) ~~predetermined by~~ of a the motor shaft (6), wherein ~~relative to an axial dimension (X) and a radial dimension (Z) of the at least one connecting element;~~ the at least one connecting element (15, 26) has a width dimension in a predetermined circumference direction (Y) relative to the rotation direction of the motor shaft (6), wherein said width dimension in said predetermined circumference direction (Y) is smaller than an axial dimension (X) and a radial dimension (Z) of said at least one connecting element is embodied as thin in a predetermined circumference direction (Y) in relation to the rotation direction of the motor shaft (6), and wherein said connecting device is configured ~~for mechanically connect~~ connecting a the motor housing of a motor to a transmission housing of a transmission, in which the motor acts on the transmission (7) via a motor shaft (6)[[.]].

2. (currently amended) The connecting device as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one connecting element (15, 26) is substantially rigid in said radial dimension ~~a direction~~ (Z) radial relative to the axis (25) of the motor shaft (6).

3. (currently amended) The connecting device as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one connecting element (15, 26) is substantially elastically deformable in the axial dimension ~~a direction~~ (X) axial relative to the axis (25) of the motor shaft (6).

4. (previously presented) The connecting device as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one connecting element (15, 26) is configured to connect the motor housing (2) to the transmission housing (3) spaced axially apart from said motor housing it.

5. (previously presented) The connecting device as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one connecting element (15, 26) is U-shaped.

6. (previously presented) The connecting device as recited in claim 5, wherein the at least one connecting element (15, 26) has a first leg (16) and second leg (17) that are connected to each other by a bridge piece (18).

7. (currently amended) The connecting device as recited in claim 6, wherein ~~it is possible to connect~~ the at least one connecting element (15, 26) is configured to connect to the motor housing (2) in a the region of an end surface (19) of the first leg (16).

8. (currently amended) The connecting device as recited in claim 6, wherein ~~it is possible to connect~~ the at least one connecting element (15, 26) is configured to connect to the transmission housing (3) in the region of an end surface (20) of the second leg (17).

9. (previously presented) The connecting device as recited in claim 6, wherein the at least one connecting element (15, 26) has a recess (30) and in the region of the recess (30), the at least one connecting element (15, 26) is substantially concave.

10. (previously presented) The connecting device as recited in claim 9, wherein the recess (30) has an approximately ellipsoidal form.

11. (previously presented) The connecting device as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one connecting element (15, 26) is at least partially comprised of an elastic plastic.

12. (previously presented) The connecting device as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one connecting element (15, 26) is at least partially coated with a viscoelastic material.

13. (canceled)